



MARYLAND AMERICORPS Grantees: 2014 – 2015

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AIM for Excellence

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Civic Works, Inc. will have 89 AmeriCorps members who will serve in the AIM For Excellence program, mentoring and tutoring a combined number of 3,200 Baltimore City and County students and providing college preparedness skills. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for 98% of high school seniors graduating and 95% of AVID and students getting accepted into college. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 30 volunteers to volunteer at participating schools. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Economic Opportunity and Education.

(Baltimore City, Baltimore County)

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Latin American Youth Center's Maryland Multicultural Youth Centers (LAYC) will have 18 AmeriCorps members who provide academic assistance as part of academic year and summer programming to students attending Buck Lodge Middle School in Langley Park, MD. At the end of the first year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for providing academic services to 75 students in the 6th through 8th grades in the in-school, after-school, or summer programs. 75% students will complete at least 24 hours annually of academic assistance, and 25% students who complete the required dosage will increase their level of academic achievement in Literacy and/or Math as shown on standardized tests. In addition, members will leverage an additional 100 volunteers that will be engaged in six community service projects. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Education.

(Prince George's County)

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The Appalachian Service Through Action and Resources (A STAR!) in Western Maryland (ASTAR), program will have 195 AmeriCorps members who will engage students in

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education, increase resources to those in need and manage volunteers in Garrett, Allegany, Washington and Frederick Counties. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for increasing academic engagement in 450 students, provide interpreting/translation services, healthcare resources, food and shelter services to 1,000 individuals. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 1,000 volunteers that will be engaged in episodic and ongoing community volunteer opportunities. This program will focus on the CNCS focus areas of Education, Healthy Futures and Capacity Building.

(Allegany, Garrett, Frederick, Washington County)

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Civic Works' Service Corps will engage 128 AmeriCorps members each year, who will leverage an additional 1,000 volunteers each year, to educate students, make housing more affordable, and help low-income communities access and learn about healthy food in Baltimore City. At the end of program year, 35 AmeriCorps members will complete a college course within one year of service; 285 students will show academic improvement; 425 houses will be made more affordable for low-income families; and 400 children will receive nutrition education. This project will focus on the CNCS focus areas of Economic Opportunity, Education, and Healthy Futures.

(Baltimore City)

Community Art Collaborative

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The Community Art Collaborative (CAC) hosted by Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) will have 14 AmeriCorps members who will provide economically disadvantaged K-12 students with the benefits of afterschool, arts-based learning in community organizations and schools throughout Baltimore City. The CAC program will place talented community artists in year-long service residencies with nonprofits, schools, and community centers offering arts-based, educational and youth leadership programming. At the end of the second program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for increasing Baltimore City K-12 student academic engagement through out-of-school time programs for 500 students; and facilitating high quality student service experiences that create pathways for broad participation in community solutions. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 500 volunteers to support and facilitate access to service site programs and resources that foster academic engagement.

(Baltimore City)

Community Mediation Corps

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Community Mediation Maryland (CMM) will place 22 AmeriCorps members who will enhance partnerships between community mediation centers and schools, correctional facilities, and veteran's organizations. AmeriCorps members will conduct case management, mediation, and conflict management training and increase access to mediation in Allegany, Anne Arundel, Carroll, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Garrett, Harford, Kent, Montgomery, Somerset, Talbot, Queen Anne's, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties, and Baltimore City. In the first program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for higher attendance rates, lower disciplinary referrals, affordable housing made available to low income individuals, and increased mediation services to veterans and military family members. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 208 volunteer community mediators. This program will address the CNCS focus areas of Education, Economic Development, and Veterans and Military Families.

(State-wide)

Elev8 Baltimore

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Elev8 Baltimore will have 20 AmeriCorps members assigned to provide educational support to 150 students in grades 5-8 who attend three schools in East Baltimore: Collington Square School, Dr. Rayner Brown Elementary/Middle School, and Commodore John Rodgers Elementary/Middle School. By the end of year one, the Elev8 Baltimore AmeriCorps program will show that 150 students enroll in after school and/or summer programming, annually; 113 students complete the program; 113 students will respond positively to survey questions about liking school, connecting school to their future, the value of school and their ability to do well in school; 113 students will have high or increased attendance; 107 students will have no or decreased disciplinary referrals and suspensions; and 98 of students will demonstrate proficient or improved academic performance in literacy and/or math. This program will address the CNCS focus area of Education.

(Baltimore City)

Experience Corps – Baltimore City

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AARP Experience Corps will have 77 minimum time AmeriCorps members who will serve as Classroom Literacy and Attendance Tutors providing literacy intervention for low performing students in group tutoring sessions at ten public schools in Baltimore City: Lakeland Elementary Middle School, Hampstead Hill Academy, Commodore John Rodgers Elementary Middle School, Highlandtown 215 Elementary Middle School, William Paca Elementary Middle School, Arundel Elementary Middle School, Waverly Elementary Middle School, Federal Hill Preparatory School, City Springs Elementary Middle School, and Elmer Henderson. At the end of the third program year, the

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AmeriCorps members will be responsible for 75% of students who completed the program, demonstrating improvement in academic performance. In addition the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 23 classroom based literacy tutors and attendance mentors who will provide academic intervention services to students and 10 Team Leaders who will coordinate the day to day activities of the program service sites. The program will concentrate on the CNCS focus area of education.
(Baltimore City)

Maryland Conservation Corps

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In the Maryland Conservation Corps (MCC), 35 AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 1,000 volunteers. At the end of each one-year period of service, they will have improved 1,200 acres of public lands in Maryland state parks and other public lands, and improved or created 130 linear miles of trail. Members of this youth corps will work in crews based in 7 Maryland State Parks, geographically located to best address pressing needs. This project will focus on the CNCS Focus Area of Environmental Stewardship.
(State-wide)

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CASA de Maryland will have 16 AmeriCorps members who will deliver financial literacy and citizenship navigation services in Prince George's, Montgomery, Harford, and Frederick Counties and Baltimore City. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for enhancing the economic opportunity (i.e. earning potential and financial literacy) of Marylanders and providing a path out of poverty through financial education and services coupled with naturalization navigation support for 800 low-income Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs). This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Economic Opportunity.

(Baltimore City; Frederick, Harford, Montgomery, and Prince George's county)

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ShoreCorps/PALS (PALS) will have 20 AmeriCorps members who will increase the capacity of their partner sites in agencies on the Eastern Shore. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for improving the lives of 1,600 underserved youth and seniors. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 800 volunteers that will be engaged in serving the underserved populations. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Capacity Building.

(Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester County)

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Playworks Maryland

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Playworks Maryland AmeriCorps program will have 13 AmeriCorps members who will provide a school-wide evidence-based program designed to utilize play to create supportive environments with reduced bullying where all students feel safe, supported and fully engaged in school in low-income schools in Maryland. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for positively impacting the entire school environment and, thereby, creating a safe space for students to increase their overall academic engagement. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 78 volunteers that will be engaged in assisting with components of the Playworks AmeriCorps program as well as projects and events. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Education.
(Baltimore City, Baltimore County)

Project CHANGE

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Project CHANGE will have 13 AmeriCorps members who will be working with students, K-12, in academic and enrichment programs that occur during and after the school day at the following sites: Broad Acres Elementary School, Center for Adoption, Support and Education, Gandhi Brigade, George B. Thomas Learning Academy, Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery Housing Partnership, and the YMCA Youth and Family Services. At the end of this second program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for increasing student engagement. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 95 volunteers who will be engaged in supporting the service of our nonprofit partners. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Education.
(Montgomery County)

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Reading Partners 10 AmeriCorps members will support proven literacy intervention program in 6 Title I elementary schools in Baltimore, Maryland. The AmeriCorps members will recruit and manage 360 community volunteers to provide one-on-one literacy tutoring to at least 300 struggling readers in grades K-5 twice a week during the September 2013 -August 2014 program year. 65% of students who complete the program will gain at least one month of literacy skills for every month they are enrolled in the program. This project will support the Education Focus Area for CNCS.
(Baltimore City)

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Teach For America --Maryland (TFA-MD) will have 355 AmeriCorps members who will teach for two years in 115 schools, serving low-income students across the state. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for significantly improving educational outcomes for more than 22,000 students and begin their long-term impact on expanding educational opportunity for low-income students. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 650 volunteers to support students and classrooms. This program focuses on the CNCS focus area of education. (Baltimore City; Baltimore, Prince George's County)

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Volunteer Maryland will have 34 AmeriCorps members placed at Service Sites across Maryland to develop or improve direct service volunteer programs. Leveraging at least 3,2400 volunteers, these AmeriCorps members will enable Service Sites to provide more services, improve the effectiveness of their volunteer programs, and increase organizational capacity to manage volunteers. At the end of the program year, volunteers will have served 32,400 hours, and at least 22 service sites will have implemented effective volunteer management practices and will report that AmeriCorps members activities have helped make the Service Site more efficient. A capacity-building program, Volunteer Maryland will place AmeriCorps members at Service Sites focusing on the CNCS focus areas of economic opportunity, education, healthy futures, environmental stewardship, disaster services, and veterans and military families. (State-wide)

PLANNING GRANTS

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The Maryland Food Bank has grown from a small non-profit to a statewide organization that distributes over 34.6 million pounds of food a year through 975 community organizations—including food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, schools, and after-school programs--in all but two Maryland counties. During the planning grant period, the Maryland Food Bank will design a program for a unified team of AmeriCorps members committed to expanding current initiatives to help end hunger in Maryland. (State-wide)

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The Literacy Lab, an official replication partner of the Minnesota Reading Corps aims to launch the Maryland Reading Corps with the goal of providing children age three through grade three at risk of reading failure with research-based early literacy intervention. The planning grant they receive will allow The Literacy Lab to build relationships with schools, develop recruitment strategies, and secure local support for the program. Program activities will be in the priority area of Education.
(Baltimore City; Montgomery, Prince George's County)